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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the prior art rejections set forth by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. sections 102 and 103. Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art references of record, cited by the Examiner whether considered alone, or in combination fail to either teach or suggest Applicant's presently claimed invention. More specifically, by this amendment, Applicants have modified the independent claims to specify that the shield layer is formed in a recess of a layer having contacts formed therein or that the recess is formed in a layer having contacts formed therein.(Claim 19).

Applicants respectfully submit that the prior art references cited by the Examiner fail to provide any teaching or suggestion whatsoever regarding a device wherein the shield member is formed in a recess portion of a layer having contacts formed therein. Accordingly, in light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the claims now standing condition for allowance.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3891.

Respectfully submitte

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